

David Cingel

By Ken South

On May 23, 1945, the Allies arrested Admiral Karl Donitz, formally dissolving Nazi Germany, and in Trenton, NJ, our Prime Gentleman of the month was born the "baby" of the family, joining two older brothers and a sister.

Mr. June's family soon moved across the Delaware River to Morrisville, PA, where he attended Catholic grade school thru high school. He remembers well his years on the high school gymnastics team, especially when his team went to Annapolis, Maryland to compete against the Naval Academy plebes.

In 1963, immediately following high school graduation, Mr. June enlisted in the US Navy and served for the next four years, mostly in Southeast Asia. His ship patrolled along the coastline of Vietnam. He was based in places like Subic Bay, Philippines, and Hong Kong. There are many stories of Mr. June and his young American shipmates hitting the bars after forty days at sea! Just recently his was delighted to be contacted by one of those buddies from 56 years ago!

Returning to the States, Mr. June searched about for meaningful employment. He worked for the Ritter Finance Company as a successful collections agent, until the time he was greeted by a shotgun when trying to collect on a loan! He also sold car tires in Newburg, NY at a BF Goodrich store for three years. Then he engaged in buying and selling used, heavy construction equipment, traveling all around New England.

He landed in Boston at what he describes as, a low point in his life, resorting to driving a cab. It was during this time that he came to grips with problems of alcohol in his life, he sought professional help as well as the fellowship of AA. He was hired as a salesman for an imprint company, (commercial logos on all kinds of promotional gifts, like pens etc). One of his best customers was the Roxbury Bank.

The CEO of the bank really liked Mr. June and at first, gave him a part time janitorial job. Using what Mr. June calls a "fake it to you make it" approach, he was later named a director at the same bank! His ideas and enthusiasm added to the profits so much so, that for three years he was elected the banks' chairman.

In 2008 he moved to Ft. Lauderdale, attended a Jr. College and earned a personal training certificate. He was hired by Bailey's Gym in Sunrise. He now trains personal trainers and teaches a Silver Sneakers class twice a week. In addition, he provides professional massage therapy treatments as well.

Mr. June's gay life got started in the early 70s while living in Boston. On a trip to Provincetown, he had his first encounter with another man. Over the next few years he lived with two different lovers, both of whom turned out to be seriously problematic. While living in Quincy, MA, Mr. June met his current partner, (Mr. February, 2019) in 2000. They lived together there and made several trips to Ft. Lauderdale as snow birds until they moved here in 2008.

They found out about Prime Timers from a dear friend who also moved here from Boston.

Mr. June and his partner credit Prime Gentleman for the source of so many very cherished friends, you can say hello to them almost any Monday night at Matty's.

